

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2006**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Anthony Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Gene Schabath, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Thomas L. Raymus
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Excused:

Gaspar Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary

Absent:

Phillip A. DiMaria

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn and David Humbyrd, Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand of Corporation Counsel

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY MR. BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY MS. SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE AGENDA WITH AN ADDITIONAL ITEM UNDER NEW BUSINESS - 8C. HILLSIDE UPDATE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY MR. SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY MR. SCHABATH WAS MADE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2006. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported expenditures were low and the Park is continuing to receive revenues. He further asked the commission if there were any questions concerning the budget.

A MOTION BY MR. BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY MR. RAYMUS WAS MADE APPROVING THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced the figures of the breakdown on parking and said this would be brought up under Old Business. Mr. Schabath inquired about the downward trend on low turnout. Mr. Casasanta responded that the hot temperatures probably had some impact on attendance.

A MOTION BY MR. SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY MR. LIPINSKI WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

2007 Adhoc Committee for Fireworks

Mr. Casasanta recommended Ms. Tracey Moro and himself for appointment to the committee and stated in September he would develop meeting dates for the Adhoc Committee.

Mr. Perna appointed Mr. DiMaria, Mr. Schabath, Ms. Klein, Tracey Moro and Anthony Casasanta to the Adhoc Committee for 2007 Fireworks.

2006 Events Update

Mr. Casasanta reported that the Italian Festival did extremely well this year, Pet-a-Palooza event was crowded, and the Polish Festival dropped down in attendance.

Mr. Malone stated that he had callers expressing that the Pet-a-Palooza event be held in cooler months. He stated he informed callers that sponsors request their date for events and the Park is not responsible for when these events are held.

Master Plan Update

Mr. Casasanta stated Mr. Santoro of the Planning Department was expected at today's meeting however, he reported that a contract has been signed with Wade Trim to participate with the Master Plan Update and Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Casasanta will be sending out the meeting dates very soon and give an update about the Master Plan to the Commission in October.

NEW BUSINESS

International Chaplaincy Training Center Request

Mr. Casasanta reported on the request from Peggy Brady, International Chaplaincy Training Center asking for a rental rate of \$50.00 for the conference rooms on Tuesday evenings. Mr. Casasanta offered her a prorated rate of \$70 for use of the conference rooms. However, she is asking the Commission to reduce the rental rate to \$50 per night for twelve weeks.

Mr. Lipinski asked if they were a non-profit group. Mr. Casasanta replied she has indicated that but he has not seen paperwork. Discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY MR. LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY MR. SCHABATH WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE RENTAL RATE OF \$50.00 FOR THE CONFERENCE ROOMS AS REQUESTED BY MS. BRADY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAPLAINCY TRAINING CENTER NIGHT, CONTINGENT UPON PROVIDING NON-PROFIT PAPERWORK TO THE PARK COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED.

2007 Budget Request

Mr. Casasanta reported his completion of 2007 budget request and outlined the different ways for savings, such as charging \$1,500 for police service, replacing full time park-aide with part-time helper, and reducing staff from 12 to 9 employees. Also, a request for a new maintenance building for safety factors has been submitted under capital improvement. This has been requested for the last 10 years, however never approved. Lastly, a request has been submitted for a \$10,000 utility vehicle.

Hillside Update

Mr. Perna stated to the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Commission has been named in the litigation case as well as the County. He further stated that it would be appropriate for the Parks Commission to be notified, as much as, the Full Board of Commissioners is updated in Open Session. Mr. Perna reported that there was a committee formed of Commissioners White, Vosburg and Kennard and this committee went to court. Mr. Perna asked for a motion to go into Closed Session.

A MOTION BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MR. SCHABATH WAS MADE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CLIENT/ATTORNEY PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO
BUCCI	X	
DIMARIA	Absent	
RAYMUS	X	
KLEIN	Absent	
LIPINSKI	X	
MALONE	X	
SCHABATH	X	
PERNA	X	
SALERNO	Absent	
SAUGER	X	
SLINDE	X	
TOTAL	8	

MOTION CARRIED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Parks Commission went into Closed Session at 7:45 a.m.

President Perna reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:05 a.m.

OTHER

Mr. Casasanta reported that Mr. Santoro from Planning has made available and handed out a timeline table to the Commission.

Mr. Casasanta informed the Commission he will be out of town and not available for the next Parks meeting September 13, 2006, however Mr. Humbyrd, Parks Foreman will be available then.

Discussion ensued to cancel and move the next regular meeting date of September 13, 2006.

President Perna moved the next Parks Commission Regular Meeting to **September 27, 2006**.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY MR. SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY MR. RAYMUS WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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